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To

The Secretary to Government,
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Rxx No.D. Dis. D-10/48, dated 27th January 1948.

Sir,

Annual Report on the working of the Provincial Cotton Committee for 1947
Ref G.O.No.1892 Development, dated 17th August 1943.

There was only one meeting during July 1947. The salient features along with the action taken thereon are detailed under.-

The question of establishing a regulated market at Bellary came up once again for consideration. The members felt that the matter had been pending for a long time and in view of the special disabilities suffered by the growers in the disposal of their cotton at Bellary, the Government should be moved to extend the Commercial Crops Market Act to Bellary at a very early date. The resolution was adopted. The question of extending the provisions of the Madas Commercial Crops Markets Act immediately at Bellary and Guntakal had come up for consideration in the Provincial Marketing Board meeting held as early as on 17-2-1941. Consequent on the course of action suggested by the Board the question was considered and proposals were sent up to Government in this office letter No.C.2-326/41, dated 7-3-42, for the establishment of a joint market for cotton and groundnut in the districts of Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur. Government, however, deferred the proposals in June 1943 - vide G.O.Ms.No.966 Development dated 4-6-53. In June 1946 Government in their Memo.No.40371-G/46-1 dated 18-6-1946 wanted to know whether the proposals in C.2-326/41, dated 7-3-42 require any revision in the light of the existing conditions. It was in this connection reported in this office letter C.1-2071/A/45 dated 10-8-46 that the original proposal for a joint market at Bellary can be modified converting it into one District Committee with headquarters at Bellary as proposed in my letter C.1-2090/45 dated 24-1-1946. The Government in their Memo.No.40371-G/46-4 dated 23-9-46 wanted to know whether in view of the curtailment of cotton and unirrigated groundnut in the districts of Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool and in view of the possible reduction of these crops, it is desirable to extend the Act to new areas, without detriment to the interest of the Grow More Food Campaign. This question was examined and a comprehensive reply was given in letter No.C.1-2071/45, dated 21-11-46. In view of the proposed bill to establish regulated markets in villages and shandies as per Government Memo. No.40371-G1/47-15, dated 2-9-1947, the question of extending the scope of the Act to Bellary alone was dropped.

The reasons for the reported deterioration of Westerns Cotton were enquired into by conducting sample surveys on standing crop and arrivals at gxxxx xxxxxxx gin centres. It was obvious that seed impurity was the major factor and that the quality of produce drawn from mucleus area at Hagari, inner controlled seed farms at Guntakal

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and Westerns crop raised from departmental seeds did not ~~xixxx~~ show a fall in the spinning or staple length. This indicates that H.1 seed distribution is to be revived and breeding a better variety is necessary. This matter is receiving the attention. The consideration of the proposed H.1 protected area scheme for the Westerns has been deferred till the report of the working of the Gaovani Scheme by Sri C.S. Mayandi Pillai, deputed to Hyderabad under G.O.Ms.No.5443 dated 26th November is available.

Reports were received about the deterioration of K.1 in Tinnevelly tract and in view of the very encouraging reports on the performance and quality of the new hybrid strain 4706, it was resolved to develop it and eventually ~~xx~~ replace the whole of Karunganni and Tinnies cotton in the Tinnevelly tract. A nucleus area of 150 acres already been sown with 4706 and a seed multiplication scheme for, covering three lakhs of acres is under preparation as directed in G.O.No.3928 Development dated 4th August 1947.

In order to render the Madras Province self-sufficient it was considered necessary to plan for the supply of requisite styles of cotton now consumed in the mills and to step up production through all possible means without encroaching upon the food campaign. Breeding programmes for the winter Cambodia, Tinnevelly tract and Northern area, manurial scheme for irrigated cambodia and seed multiplication scheme for improved strains like Co.1 were accorded high priorities.

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To A.S: The report of the Provincial Cotton Committee for the year 1947 forwarded by the Director of Agriculture at pp.1-2 c.f. is submitted for perusal. This return was prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.1892 Development dated 17-8-1943. The report calls for no special remarks except extension of M.C.C. M. Act. This may be recorded.

~~xx~~ A.S.II may see in regarding extension of the M.C.C.M. Act referred to on p.1 c.f.

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G.O.Ms.No.966 Development dated 27-2-1948

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